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## Agricultural Summary

Farmers continued to struggle with field conditions as snow fell in northern Illinois. Elevators were again hard pressed to keep up with grain drying. There were 2.9 days suitable for fieldwork reported. Topsoil moisture was rated 47 percent adequate and 53 percent surplus. Ninety percent of the corn crop was reported as harvested.

### Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2008	5-Year Average
December 13				
<b>CORN:</b>				
Harvested	90	85	100	100
<b>SORGHUM:</b>				
Harvested	97	95	100	100
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>				
Emerged	87	87	100	100

### Progress by Districts

District	Corn Harvested
December 13	
Northwest	87
Northeast	78
West	90
Central	93
East	92
W Southwest	92
E Southeast	95
Southwest	99
Southeast	98

### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
December 7 - 13		December 13			
Northwest	1.1	-	-	53	47
Northeast	2.1	-	-	93	7
West	3.4	-	-	60	40
Central	3.6	-	-	39	61
East	4.0	-	-	50	50
W Southwest	4.2	-	-	38	62
E Southeast	3.0	-	-	27	73
Southwest	2.1	-	-	16	84
Southeast	1.4	-	-	24	76
State	2.9	-	-	47	53